

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO SOLICITATION
19 August 2005

RFP 005:Jun:30:17:15:27	List of Documents, etc	Why does section J state that the "US Army Corps of Engineers Labor Agreements for Affected Employees" are part of the RFP when it was disseminated by HQUSACE that the unions are not part of this competition?	A request was received that all of the Union Agreements be included in the solicitation.
RFP 2005:Jul:6:22:01:09	L.8.2.1	The RFP requirement that "Each significant subcontractor (subcontracts of \$550,000 or more) proposed for this effort shall also provide the past performance questionnaire from a minimum of three (3) references" places a burden on large teams and will result in a large number of Past Performance references for evaluation. Will the Government remove its definition of significant contractor as subcontracts of \$550,000 or more, and allow each Prime contractor to define its five most significant subcontractors?	Please refer to Amendment 0002, dated 19 July 2005, which changed the definition of significant subcontractor from \$550,000 to \$2,000,000.
RFP 2005:Jul:6:22:05:19	Tab F, Section 3	The RFP requires that "a detailed cost proposal for each subcontract which exceeds \$550,000 shall be submitted. Offerors are required to support the subcontract to the same level of detail and format as the prime offeror." Responding to this criterion places a burden on large teams and will result in a large number of Experience citations for evaluation. Will the Government remove its definition of significant contractor as subcontracts of \$500,000 or more, and allow each Prime contractor to define its most significant subcontractors?	Please refer to Amendment 0002, dated 19 Jul 05, which changed the definition of significant subcontractor from \$550,000 to \$2,000,000.
RFP 2005:Jul:6:22:07:02	L.8.2.1	The RFP states that "Each significant subcontractor (subcontracts of \$550,000 or more) proposed for this effort shall also provide the past performance questionnaire from a minimum of ... three (3) agencies/companies." Small business subcontractors may not have 3 contracts that meet the criteria of 3 different agencies/companies. Will the government eliminate the requirement for 3 different agencies/companies?	Please refer to Amendment 0002, dated 19 Jul 05, which changed the minimum from three (3) to one (1).
RFP 2005:Jul:7:19:49:32	L.9.2.4	The paragraph includes the following: "Information required in the above paragraphs shall be provided for each proposed subcontractor who will perform a significant portion of the effort." Please clarify if the offeror can determine the number of experience contracts to be submitted for each significant subcontractor, or if the significant subcontractors are also required to have a minimum of three contracts required of the prime offeror in	Please refer to Amendment 0002, dated 19 Jul 05, which changed the minimum from three (3) to one (1).

		paragraph L.9.2.1.	
RFP 2005:Jul:7:19:51:05	L.9.2.4	<p>The paragraph includes the following: "Information required in the above paragraphs shall be provided for each proposed subcontractor...."</p> <p>By reference back to L.9.2.1, this could be construed to indicate that subcontractor references would need to be similar in nature, size, and complexity with the overall USACE IMIT solicitation. We believe the Government intends that the subcontractor prior experience be of similar nature, size and complexity with the role they will play on USACE IMIT, rather than the role the prime will play on USACE IMIT.</p> <p>Is this interpretation correct?</p>	Please refer to Amendment 0002, dated 19 Jul 05, which clarified this paragraph.
RFP 2005:Jul:7:19:52:05	L.10	Do second tier subcontractors count toward the Prime Contractor's subcontracting goals?	No. Subcontracting goals are only counted down to the first tier.
RFP 2005:Jul:7:19:53:35	Section M "Factors to Be Evaluated (5)"	The first question ("Have the subcontractors performed work in the past that is similar or relevant to the work required in the PWS proposed subcontractor's service area?") seems to make more sense as an evaluation criterion under Volume 4 – Experience. Please confirm which volume this criterion is for.	This criterion is in the correct area and will be evaluated with Utilization of Subcontracting.
C.5.4.10 2005:Jul:14:10:58:56	C.5.4.10	Paragraph C.5.4.10 states that the SP shall verify backup media is stored at secure off-site locations. Is the SP responsible for providing these secure off site locations or are those provided to the Government through another means?	The SP is responsible for determining the location for off site storage.
TE-1 2005:Jul:14:18:01:44	RS-6	<p>RS-6- Unclear what a standard enterprise system is.</p> <p>Please provide concise definition.</p>	Standard enterprise systems are defined in Enterprise Level IT Investments TE 11 and the Corps Enterprise Architecture TE-22
RFP 2005:Jul:18:20:48:30	RFP	<p>There appears to be some disconnects between the list of services excluded from the firm fixed price bid and the PWS:</p> <p>f) C.5.3.2.4.8 - This paragraph isn't included in the PWS.</p>	<p>CLIN 0003</p> <p>f) will be changed from</p> <p>f) 5.3.2.4.8 Cable Plant Infrastructure. Only the work associated with the word "install"</p>

		<p>h) C.5.3.5.2.8 - This paragraph is C.5.3.5.2.1.</p> <p>m) C.5.7.4.1 - The term "high level exhibits" is not used in the PWS.</p>	<p>to</p> <p>f) 5.3 Cable Plant Infrastructure. Only the work associated with the word "install"</p> <p>Bid Schedule CLIN 0003 h) will be changed:</p> <p>h) 5.3.5.2.8 Radio and Microwave Towers. Only the work associated with the word "install"</p> <p>to:</p> <p>k) 5.3.5.2.1 Radio and Microwave Towers. Only the work associated with the word "install"</p> <p>Bid schedule will be modified as follows. m) <i>C.5.7.4.1. Graphic Displays</i>. Only the work associated with visitor center level exhibits.</p>
C.5 2005:Jul:20:14:27:00	C.5.1.3.2	Will SP have access to CEFMS? If not, how can it generate purchase requests?	SP will have access to CEFMS
C.5 2005:Jul:20:14:33:45	C.5.1.11.1	Does SP also do the actual purchasing?	Yes
RFP 2005:Jul:14:15:07:40	RFP	52.222.42 Rates do not accurately reflect individual labor rates for the many wage areas throughout the areas of competition.	A list of Equivalent Hires which covers all of the affected areas will be posted in an upcoming amendment.